SHARCNET Cloud

What is Cloud Computing?

- Traditional Computing

- User needs computing resources
- A physical server is purchased
- New user = New server

- Problems

- Management of physical servers
- Expansion (space, power, cooling...)
- Resource utilization





Computing Virtualization

- Virtualization

- A virtual server instead of a physical server
- Many VMs on the same physical server
- Space and power needed are reduced
- Resource utilization increased



Is that sufficient?

Whether Physical or Virtual servers:

- Human factor
 - Provisioning physical servers
 - Creating VMs, configuring network ...etc
- Users with security/isolation requirements
 - Do not share the same network . i.e. isolated networks
 - Require firewalling (VMs on the same host)

Cloud computing

- Virtualization of Infrastructure with
 - Self service model
 - Users create VMs using a web portal
 - Isolated virtual networks
 - Users can't reach each other's networks
 - Virtual firewalling between VMs and each other & public networks
 - Security group concept
 - Defines what traffic can flow ingress and egress (inbound and outbound) and from where

Openstack

- Cloud enabling framework
- Opensource, community driven
- Many industry and research/academic adopters
- Self service web portal called horizon

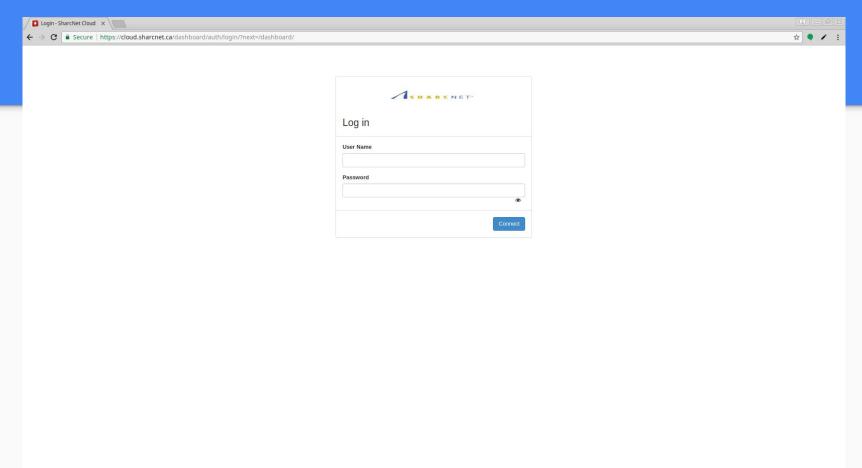
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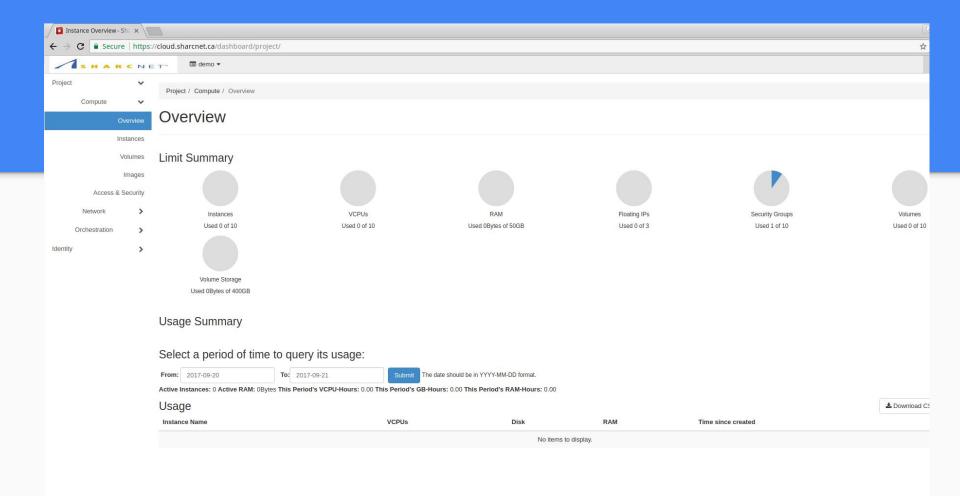
- https://cloud.sharcnet.ca/dashboard/
- By request only
- Default allocation
 - 4 cores
 - 8 GB memory
 - 50 GB persistent storage
 - 1 Floating IP

How to request access?

- Open a ticket
 - help@sharcnet.ca
 - Portal
- What needs to be included in the ticket?
 - Use case for the cloud
 - Your PC/Laptop public IP (google what is my ip)
 - How long is the account and VMs needed for?

How does it look like?





Concepts

- Instances
 - VMs that consume CPU and Memory resources
 - Can be ephemeral or persistent
 - Ephemeral: Storage on the compute host
 - Persistent: Storage on a backend storage server (more reliable)
- To specify CPU/Memory for Instances
 - Flavors are used
 - Flavors are defined by the Cloud Administrator
 - A flavor specifies: # of cores, Size of memory and disk (for ephemeral VMs)

Volumes

- Persistent storage on the storage backend
- 3 replicas are maintained
- More reliable than ephemeral storage
- Limited capacity
- Could be slower

Floating IPs

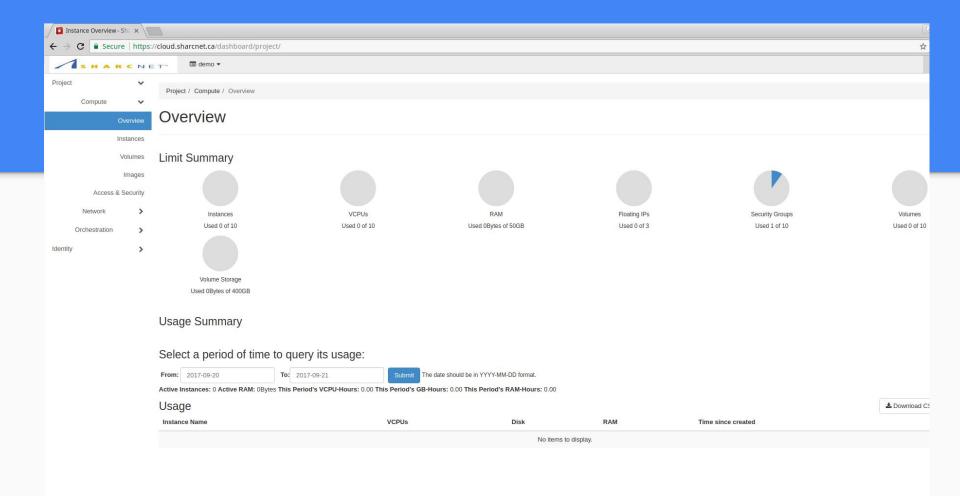
- 1 Floating IP per user (public IP)
- Private IPs are assigned to instances automatically
- Public IPs to assign to VMs manually by the user
- This is how you reach your VMs
- IPs start with 199.241.164.xx
- Floating IPs are assigned to VMs after they are created

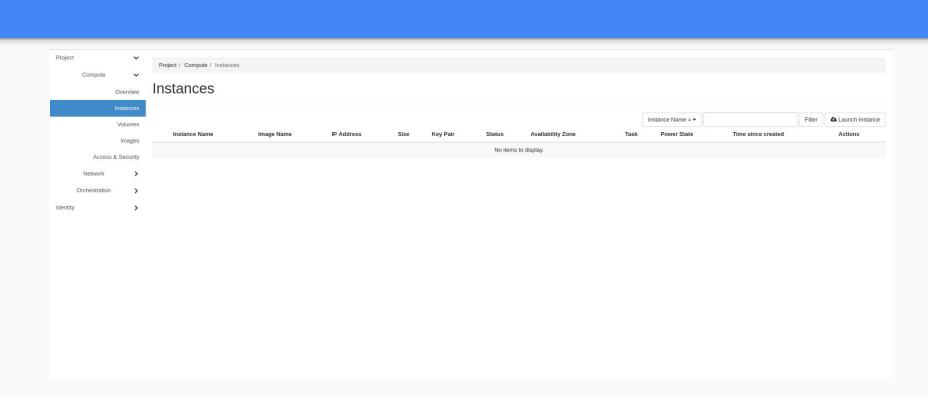
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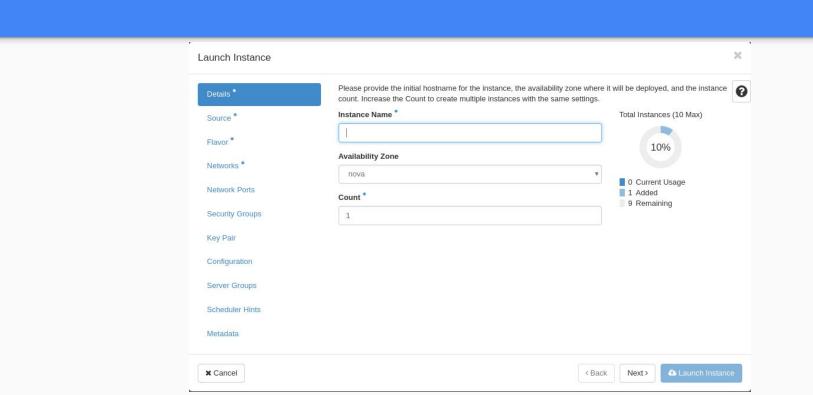
- Virtual firewall rules
- Applied to instances
- Define what traffic can flow in/out
- Define what IPs can communicate in/out
- Users can create multiple security groups
- Default security group is created when a project is created

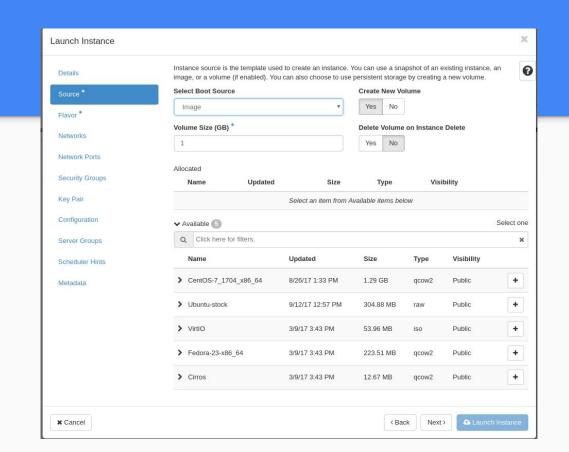
Keypairs

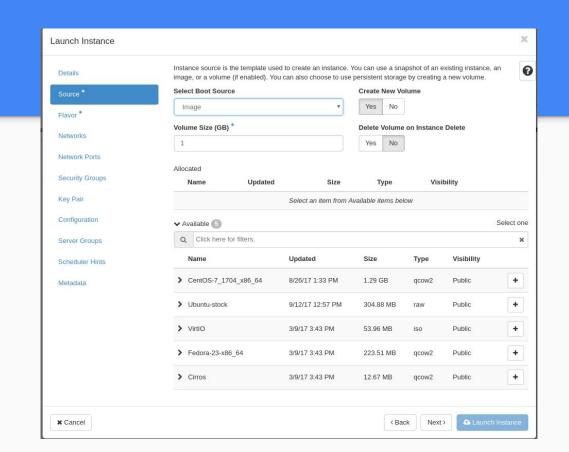
- For Linux VMs, a keypair needs to be generated
- Keypairs have two components
 - Public portion: injected into the VM
 - Private portion: Exists at the user's side

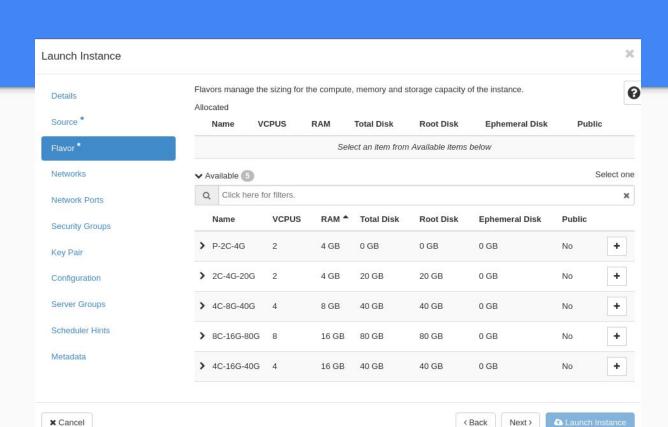


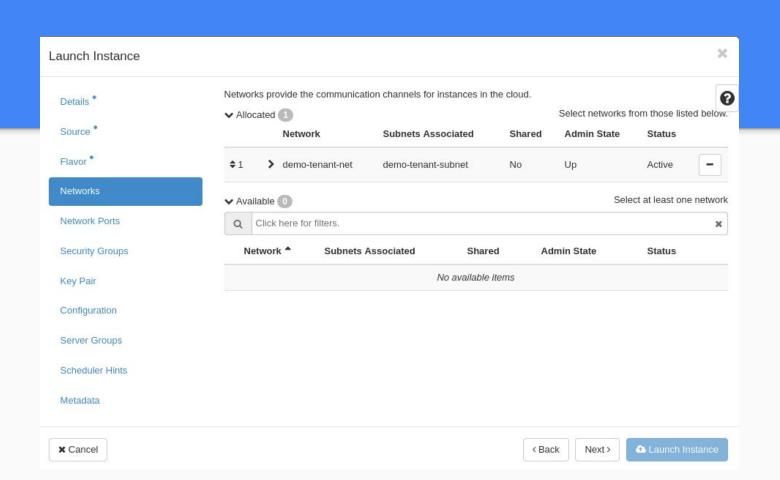


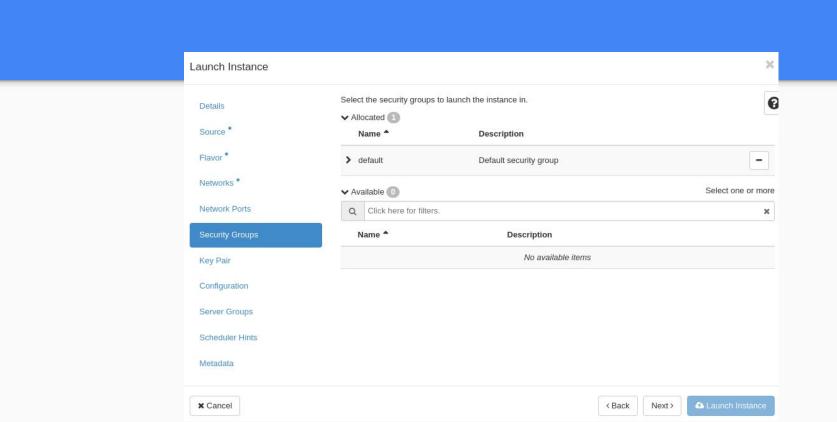


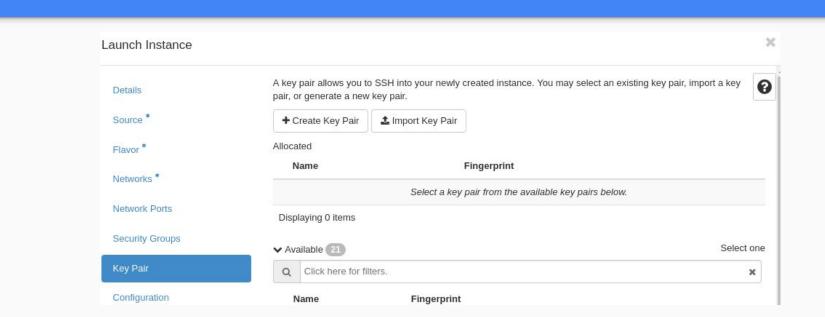


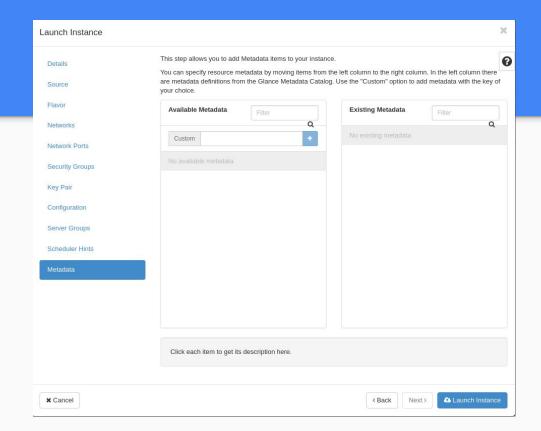


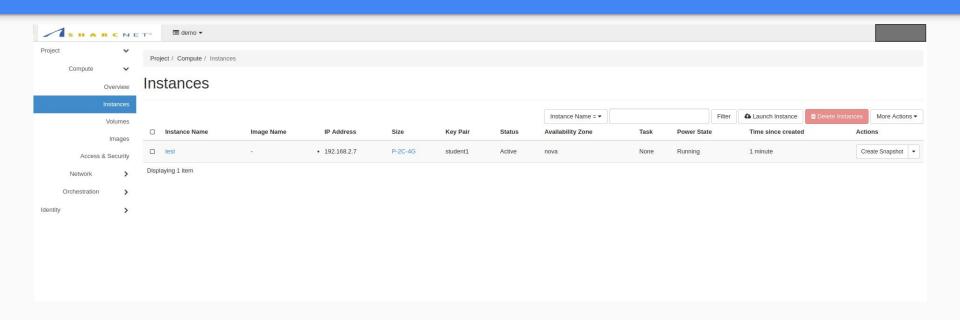


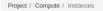




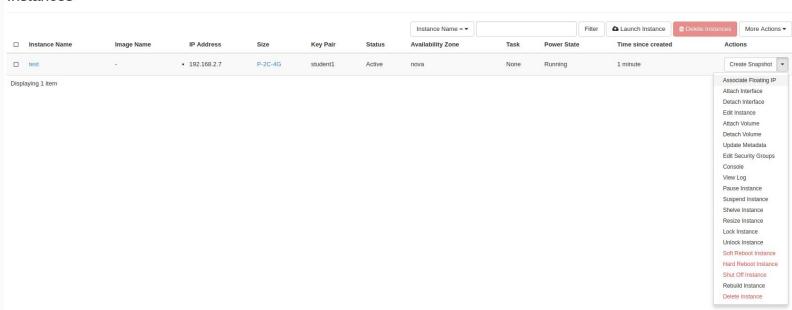


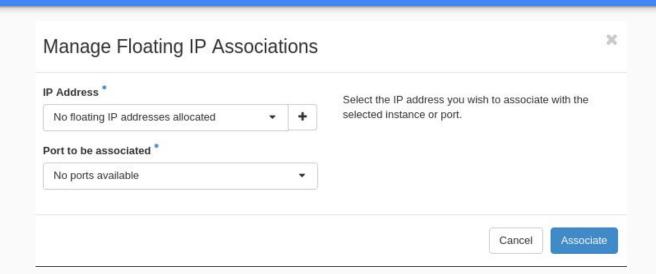


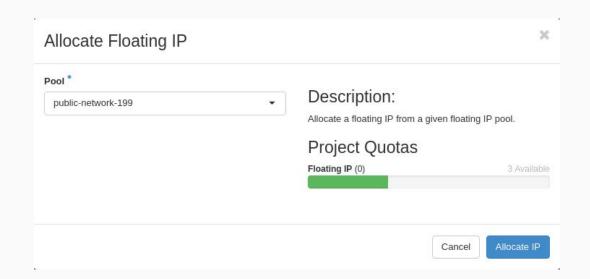


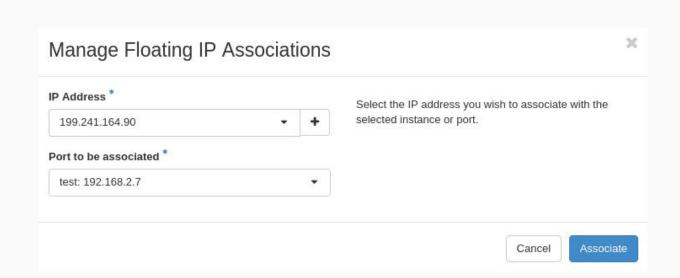


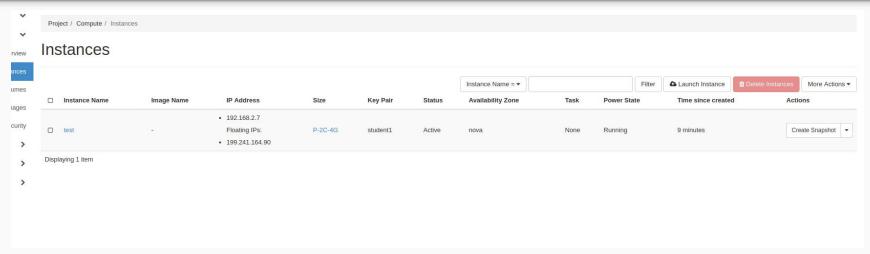
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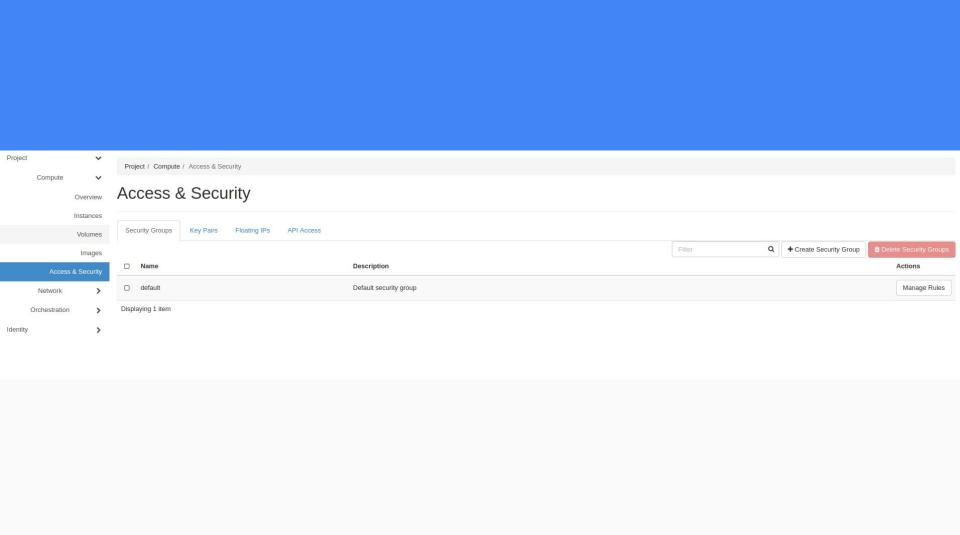








ssh -i privatekey.pem ubuntu/centos/fedora@publicIP



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Compute

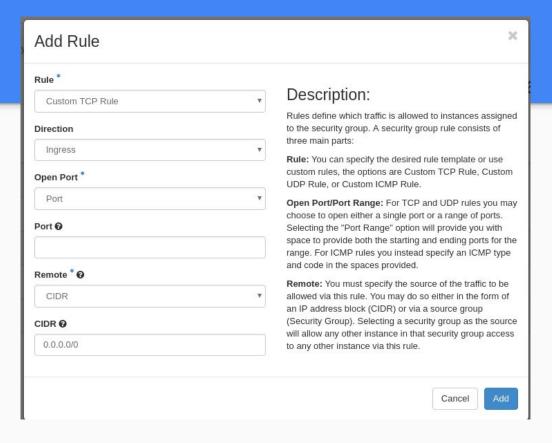
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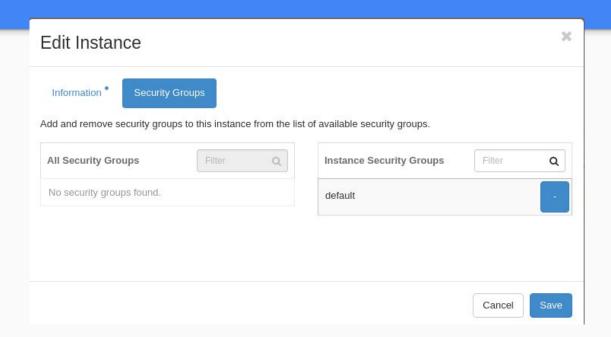
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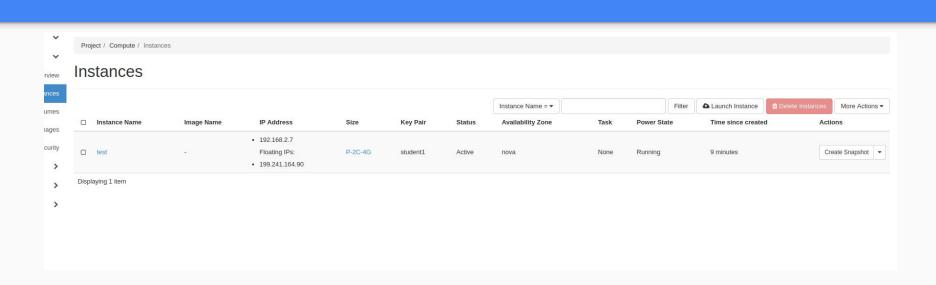
Displaying 5 items

IPv4

TCP







Common notes about the cloud

- No Backups are taken to VMs or attached storage
- Compute/Network usage under University acceptable usage policy
- Non mission critical applications